

## GREATEST CHANCE A MAN EVER HAD

Can Help Himself, His Boy and  
His Country by Buying  
Liberty Bonds.

WE MUST ALL DO OUR BEST

Source of Things We Can Do Without  
Which Seem Necessities and Yet  
Are Really Luxuries — Get  
Into the Fight.

By EDWARD BOK.

Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal.  
Each time a new Liberty loan is announced we should hail it with pleasure. For years we have used the phrase "as good as a government bond" as indicating the safest investment possible, but before the war it was impossible for the average investor to secure a government bond. Periodically an issue was made, but it was so quickly subscribed for by the bankers that the small investor had little chance. Now we all have a chance, and a chance at all that we can afford to buy.

It will, of course, be argued by some when the fourth Liberty loan is announced that they have not as yet paid for the third loan bonds for which they subscribed. That may be true, but that is no reason why we should fail to subscribe again. Before the fifth loan can be issued we will have paid for the third loan bonds and begun paying for the fourth loan bonds that we subscribed for. Thus if we go on we will have a distinct part in each loan, have each month paid aside a sum for the best investment on earth, have acquired the steady habit of saving, and when the last loan is announced and we shall have taken part of that and paid for it, we shall add ourselves in possession of a collection of bonds that will make us proud of the share we took in the war and have a comfortable "nest egg" in the bargain.

Must Do Our Best.

Never, really, was there such a stimulant given us to do without the nonessential and save. Not only is it saving for our boys and helping them to fight, but it is saving for them when they come home and saving for ourselves. Is there, in imagination, a prouder parent than that father or mother who when his or her boy comes home from serving his country, can open a drawer and pull out a neat little package of Liberty loan bonds? That is what we mean by "keeping the home-fires burning," by "backing up our boys," by "doing our bit." The only point is that we should change the latter to "doing our best." We've done our "bit" in the past loans; in this fourth loan we should do our "best." We want to be able to show our boy a bond or two or three in each loan; not have him ask: "Oh, didn't you get in on the fourth?"

It isn't as if we can't do it. We can, if we will only set our minds to the job of real saving. There are scores of things we can do without which seem necessities and yet are really luxuries. Our boys "over there" are doing without them and offering their lives besides. We are not asked for the latter. All we are asked to do is to do without here something and there something, and by doing this we are patriots! And all the time while we are adjudged patriots we are investing our money in the safest thing on earth and getting a good interest on it in the bargain. Frankly, can you "beat it?"

Must Lend or Be Taxed.

Another point we must remember, taking this whole matter simply on an economic basis: That the more of these Liberty bonds we buy the less taxes we will have to pay. The government must have the money to keep up the war and feed and clothe our boys. This year it needs about \$24,000,000,000. This amount it must get from the people. And if the people won't loan in bonds, it must take in taxes. Hence, the more we loan the less we will have to give.

It's all a question of saving, saving, saving—and never was there a better time to begin than now with the Liberty loan bonds as an attraction. The man who has no ready money with which to buy the bonds is the very man that the government wants above all other classes of men to loan it his money; his money saved here with a dollar and there with a quarter. It is the most kind of money to give to our country: the money that we save by some act of self-denial. It isn't the money that we have in the bank that we want to draw out and buy Liberty bonds with; it is the money that next winter we can save, month by month. That is really helping your boy "over there," helping the government to keep him warm and fit, and incidentally, helping yourself to buy by the most valuable pieces of paper that you can buy, put away, and all the time getting a good interest on them.

Black Eye for the Hun.

Seventeen million individual subscribers were part of the third Liberty loan. That means one in every six of the population of the United States. But there is no reason why with the coming fourth loan this should not be changed to one in every three persons in the United States and finally that every person in the United States shall own a bond. Fancy the state of mind of the German war lords if they were made to realize that every one of the one hundred millions of Americans were so determined to beat them that they had all invested with the one idea to beat them. Would the war continue another year? Most unlikely. Most of us ask each other or ourselves, "When will this war end?" There is no quicker way to end it than to make it possible for our government to throw

into it every resource that we possess. The moment that the German war lords realize this fact, they will come to their senses. And the only way to bring this about is for you and me to do our part and to do it fully. This means to loan every cent we can to the government; hold nothing back, but give it our all. It isn't a question of when can we end the war; it is a question of when you or I end the war. It is what you and I do. It is the drop of water, multiplied by millions, that makes the deluge. It is what you and I do in our small way that, multiplied by the millions, makes for a united strength, before which nothing can stand. Win the war we will, but when we win it depends upon us. "It can't be too soon for me," we say. Then let's get busy, real busy, and save and loan to our government what we have.

### U-BOATS USE OIL CAMOUFLAGE

Submarine Commanders Try a New Trick, but 'Twas Quickly Found Out.

London.—Tricky German U-boat commanders have conceived a new plan designed to deceive crews of the allied submarine destroyers in the game of hide and seek in European waters. When a depth bomb is discharged and does not cripple or destroy the German undersea boat, as sometimes happens, a quantity of oil is released by some device of the submarine and quickly rises to the water's surface. The hope of the German U-boat captain is that the commander of the destroyer will see the oil, believe that the submarine has been wrecked and drop no more depth charges. Meantime, the German is endeavoring to escape. American and British commanders of destroyers and submarine chasers discovered the scheme of the Germans some time ago and since then have been dropping depth bombs in greater numbers than previously, using the oil as a guide to the general location of their target. "Oil camouflage" the American and British navy men call this latest German submarine trick.

### WOMEN HANDLE BIG SHELLS

Young British Mother Settles Question of Their Physical Fitness to Do So.

Liverpool, Eng.—When women first were put to work in shell factories here they handled only the light field-gun shells. Later it became necessary for them to turn out larger shells, and doubts were raised as to whether the women were strong enough to handle them. A young mother settled the question.

"Let me lift the shell," she said, picking one up from the floor. "Aye," she commented, "this shell is a mite heavy, 'tis true, but it's not so heavy as my baby."

There is a shell factory in this district operated almost exclusively by the daughters of business and professional men. Many are young girls who had never done any kind of work other than needle work and cooking. The heavy work of the establishment is performed by the wives of sailors.

This is a nonprofit making factory and it is the reply of the Cunard company to the Germans for the sinking of the Lusitania.

### FINDS SON AMONG WOUNDED

New York Woman in Paris Voluntarily Aiding Nurses Discovers Own Boy.

Paris.—A New York woman attached to the American Red Cross happened to be in Paris and volunteered to help in caring for the wounded coming in from the battle field. She was working busily when startled by a loud cry of "Mother!"

Turning, she saw her own son, a young lieutenant in the American army. He had been wounded in the leg by shrapnel. The first news she had had that her son was engaged in the battle was when she heard his cry. She obtained permission to accompany her son to a hospital. After seeing that he was attended to, she went back to the station to cheer, as she said, the boys who had no hope of finding a mother to welcome them.

The mother is a prominent social worker in New York, and has been doing Red Cross relief work among the refugees in France. Her work usually keeps her in the south of France.

### FAILS TO REMOVE HIS HAT

Manager Knocks Down Employee and Then Hands Him "Blue Envelope."

Minim, Okla.—Because an employee of the Riverside park here would not take off his hat when the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," Manager A. H. De Vaux knocked the offending lid off the man's head, after he had asked him three times to remove it. As the man stooped over to pick up the hat, Mr. De Vaux gave him a right uppercut to the jaw and he took the count. He also received a "blue envelope."

### CANNING CLUBS

KEEPING BUSY

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canned 295 pints in the kitchens, 40 pints in demonstrations, and much over 243 pints in home canning for our count has only partly been made. This makes a total of 600 pints in only 20 days. For a time club 9 (Helen Platt, Inza King, Ruth Willet, Onda Rench, Violet Lippert, Mabel Bradford and Susan Miller) was in the lead, putting up at one kitchen 29 pints and 25 pints at the second time. But club 1 (Ethelyn Adams, Dorothy Allen, Thelma Bacon, Adele Boes, Georgia Conrod, Retha Leonard, Elizabeth Witter, Lell and Lois Smith) now is in the lead. At their first kitchen eight were there, canning 32 pints and at their last kitchen five were present and 42 pints were canned, mostly in quart, pint or two-quart cans. There have been 75 girls present in all the kitchens, 10 being the greatest at any one time and 52 pints the most canned at any one time.

Uncle Sam has asked for 400,000 cans extra for the winter's home use

in Michigan. This means 20,000 boys and girls to do it, each of whom will put up 20 cans per. The government of our country needs to take nearly 4 of the tinned goods from all the factories for the boys in khaki and it leaves only a small part for civilians, so home canning must be done or go without. Also every one knows that when there is garden truck to eat, not as much meat and flour foods are eaten. This gives another reason for canning so that in winter those foods needed by the army may be saved.

It is known by the government that it will be difficult next year to buy cans, tin or glass, as there is a great shortage of raw material to make them and so what is put up this year is a gain and is quite necessary to do, even though fruit sells high. It is apt to be more high and scarcer next year. France's third year was her greatest period of hardship and sacrifice. England has just been experiencing her third year and it has proven a test and ours is just ahead of us. The government urges us most emphatically to can more than ever, now when we can get the material, no matter what the price (that is to be the sacrifice) in order that we may be prepared to conserve on the drying of vegetables and fruits will be forced on us next year by the shortage in containers. So it is desirable to begin training our tastes a little this year by drying our beans, peas, apples, corn and similar products.

The canning and club work headquarters has been moved from the high school to the basement of the Presbyterian church where it will be located for the following month. All public demonstrations will be given at the gas office. The company cordially set up two gas plates and arranged affairs conveniently for the teams. As a courtesy to the boys' and girls' clubs of Alma they also installed two extra gas plates in the church to facilitate the work and to increase the results. The clubs express their sincerest appreciation.

### NEW OFFICIALS

UNDER CHARTER

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dents of Alma for five years previous to their election, and that the members of the board of review and special assessors shall be resident freeholders of the city for at least five years preceding their appointment, and that they shall be men of experience and knowledge of property conditions in Alma. It provides that the city attorney shall be an attorney at law, licensed to practice in the supreme court of Michigan and to have practiced for five years at the Gratiot county bar. The city physician must be a person qualified to practice medicine under the laws of the state.

It provides that no member of the city commission shall hold any other city office during his term, and that no official position shall ever be given to or any contract made with any person in default of the city.

It provides that no member of the city commission or any administrative officer shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in the profits of any contract, work or services, other than official, to be performed for the city. Any officer shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both, and shall forfeit his office for such violation. It is also provided that any contract made in violation of this section is void.

The mayor and commissioners are required to give bonds in the sum of three thousand dollars, approved by one of the justices of the peace and filed with the city clerk, for the faithful performance of their duties.

The commission is required to have the city treasurer, clerk and city manager give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, in such amounts as it may determine, the bonds to be approved by the commission. When approved all bonds shall be filed with the clerk, except that of the clerk, which shall be filed with the treasurer. The commission may also require bonds of any other officer or employee of such conditions as it may prescribe.

It is required that all bonds be those of surety companies, authorized to do business in this state, if such bonds can be secured, and that payment thereof shall be made out of the city treasury.

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### EMERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Van Rench and daughter, Onda of Alma visited at M. Emerson's home Saturday and Sunday. A bill has been giving the school house a fresh coat of paint, inside and out. A new flag-pole has been erected.

Mrs. Peters went to Alma Friday and had her nose and throat operated on. She is getting along nicely.

A few from here attended the Gleaners' picnic at Goodyear's grove Thursday.

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Mrs. Roy Griffith and mother, Mrs. A. Mann of Alma, returned home Saturday from Ohio where they have been the past two weeks visiting relatives.

A number of young people gathered Wednesday evening to spend a few hours visiting, playing games and having music with Roy Healey who left Thursday for the University of Michigan.

The young people met at Milton Presler's home Thursday evening.

A number from here went to Crystal Lake Sunday.

Miss Inez Presler is at Mt. Pleasant spending a few days with her grandparents.

### SOUTHEAST COE

Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Johnson, of Shepherd this week.

Mrs. Lillian Randolph is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Maude Leonard, of St. Louis this week.

Frank Randolph and Will Beard are doing the carpenter work on the new farm house of Horace Leonard this week.

George Culver and family and Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Leonard autoed to Alma Sunday afternoon, the former visiting Mrs. Culver's mother and the latter at the home of their son, Pearl.

E. Fordyce and family visited at the home of Horace Leonard Sunday.

Clyde Fisher and wife are the owners of a new Buick car.

Willis Hopkins was taken very ill last week and when a doctor was summoned it was found that he had ptomaine poisoning from eating meat. While not able to be around yet, he is considerable better.

Floyd Parker and family and Reda Bohman and family of Pleasant Valley autoed to Crystal Sunday to spend the day.

The male quartette will go to Ferris Sunday and sing at the home coming. A number from here will go with the male quartette.

There will be regular services at the church Sunday morning and

### WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mrs. Wesley Webb is suffering with blood poisoning in her jaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dickerson of Summerton are visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Veeder.

Mrs. A. D. Wright is on the sick list.

Rock Daymon and wife of Pampeli were callers at Geo. Isdum's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Erhman and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Erhman and Mrs. K. Erhman of St. Louis and Mrs. and Mrs. Childs of Shepherd called on Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Webb Sunday.

From there they motored to Mt. Pleasant and heard the missionary from China talk.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vance last week that their son, Napoleon, had arrived safe somewhere in France. We wish him a speedy return.

There was gloom cast over our neighborhood last week by the death of Mrs. Mary Rayercraft. She was loved by all who knew her and her good deeds will long be remembered. Our sympathy is extended to the children.

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines, Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysentery, and had been given up by the family physician. Some of his neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

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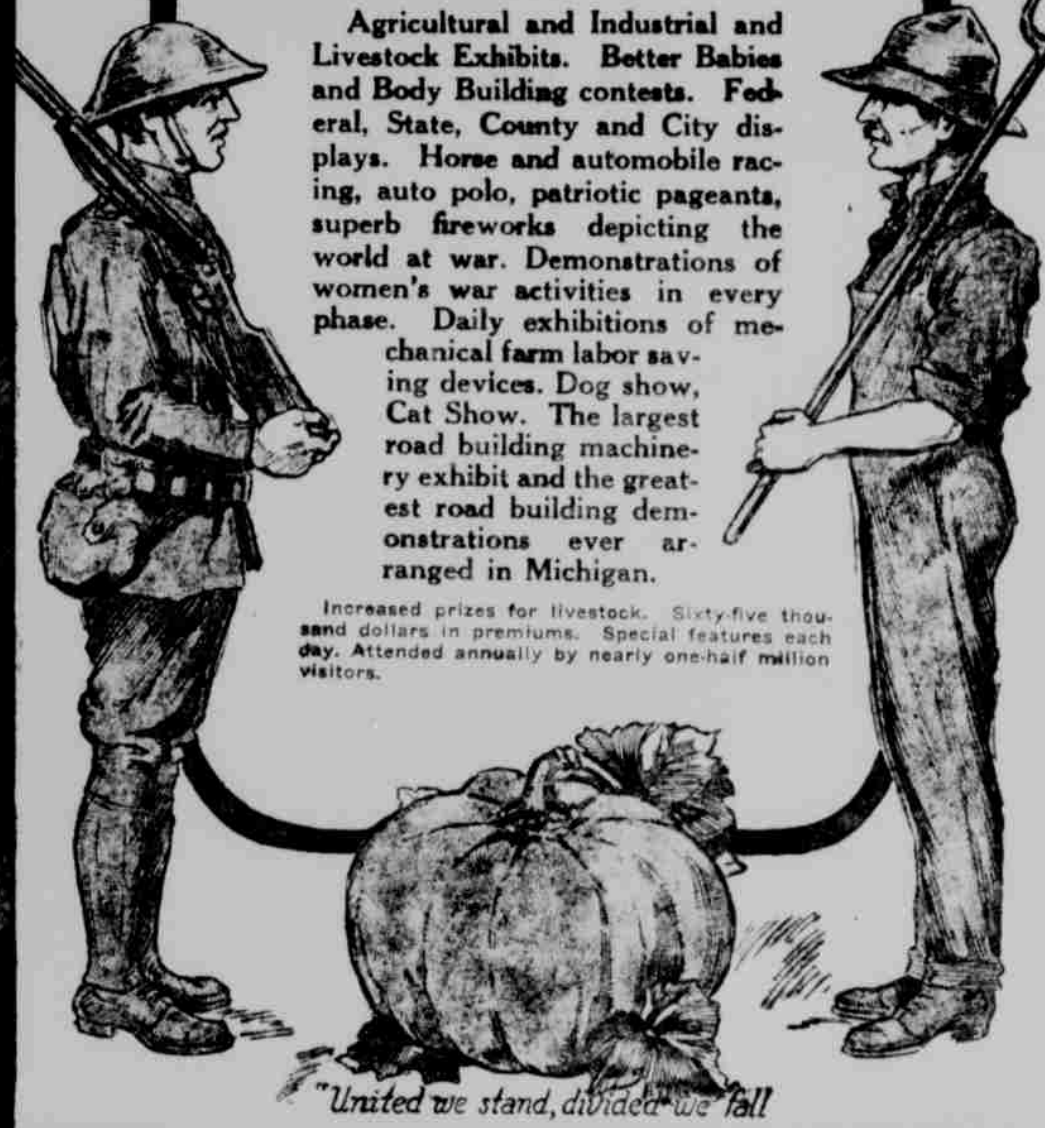
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AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 8 1918

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Increased prizes for livestock. Sixty-five thousand dollars in premiums. Special features each day. Attended annually by nearly one-half million visitors.



## STOP—LOOK—LISTEN—

NEXT WEEK—THE BIG

# Gratiot Co. Fair and Races Day and Night

TUESDAY Races in Afternoon. Big Vaudeville Show at 8 o'clock. Don't miss this big Show at Night

WEDNESDAY Races and Attractions at Night

WEDNESDAY Saginaw Chamber of Commerce will be here in Full Force

Every farmer, business man, merchant and all others are invited to be here and give them the glad hand and let them know Gratiot is on the map. Let every Gratiot man act on the reception committee.

This Day will be Free to all Children under 12 years old

Buy a Membership Ticket at your local bank and go every day. Automobiles free at night. \$1.00 ticket admits you four days for day fair only but persons remaining on grounds after six can stay to night show. General admission, adults 50c, children under 12 years 25c, children under 5 years free with parents every day. Automobiles and other vehicles 25c, day only. The high cost of help, feed, advertising make it absolutely necessary in order to pay premiums and expenses to charge 15 cents extra on single admission tickets.

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Thursday a Monster program. Thursday night program will be announced Wednesday

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